

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 5 and 6 show an embodiment of a surface-treating holder according to the present invention. The surface-treating holder designated by 30 in Figs. 5 and 6 is formed into a spring-like tubular structure, using a wire 11 made of a stainless steel (SUS304) and having a diameter of 1.6 mm by continuously coiling the wire 11 in a counterclockwise direction with clearances being left, so that ~~spiral-line~~ the end faces 12, 12 are formed at opposite ends by spirally coiling of the wire 11 at four turns to form holder end closures. Between the ~~spiral-line end~~ faces 12, 12, the wire 11 forms an intermediate portion of the structure 13 in which the wire is coiled at distances of pitch of 8.2 mm. A portion 12a is formed at a center portion of the spiral line face 12 by close coiling of the wire 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In this embodiment, those opposite ends of the spring-like tubular portion 13 are portions 13a ~~formed by~~ of the spring-like tubular intermediate portion of the structure 13, which are adjacent to the respective ends thereof, are formed by close coiling of the wire 11 at four turns between which there is ~~[[with]]~~ no clearance ~~[[left]]~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The wire 11 is coiled basically with clearances left and hence, a surface treatment such as vapor deposition of aluminum can be conducted through such clearances, and when the holders 30, 30 collide with each other, [[the]] entanglement is prevented from occurring by the end closure portions 12a and the closely coiled portions ~~12a and~~ 13a.